

**CREATING THE OFFENSE OF VOYEURISM; PROVIDING A  
PENALTY**

**CHAPTER 676**

H.B. No. 207

**AN ACT**

**relating to creating the offense of voyeurism; providing a penalty.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 21, Penal Code, is amended by adding Section 21.16 to read as follows:

*Sec. 21.16. VOYEURISM. (a) A person commits an offense if the person, with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of the actor, observes another person without the other person's consent while the other person is in a dwelling or structure in which the other person has a reasonable expectation of privacy.*

*(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c) or (d), an offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.*

*(c) An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor if it is shown on the trial of the offense that the actor has previously been convicted two or more times of an offense under this section.*

*(d) An offense under this section is a state jail felony if the victim was a child younger than 14 years of age at the time of the offense.*

*(e) If conduct that constitutes an offense under this section also constitutes an offense under any other law, the actor may be prosecuted under this section, the other law, or both.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 12, 2015: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 26, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 2015.

Effective September 1, 2015.

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**DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN SURPLUS MOTOR VEHICLES  
AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT BY THE  
TEXAS FACILITIES COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 677**

H.B. No. 229

**AN ACT**

**relating to the disposition of certain surplus motor vehicles and other law enforcement equipment by the Texas Facilities Commission.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 2175, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2175.308 to read as follows:

*Sec. 2175.308. EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. (a) Notwithstanding any conflicting provision of this chapter, if the commission determines that this state's efforts to secure this state's international border and combat transnational crime will sufficiently benefit from the donation of the surplus motor vehicles and other law enforcement equipment of the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas to a municipal or county law enforcement agency in an economically disadvantaged area of this state, the commission may transfer the property to the agency at a price or for other consideration agreed to by the commission and the agency.*

(b) A law enforcement agency that receives surplus property under Subsection (a) may not sell the property before the second anniversary of the date the property is received.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on April 23, 2015: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 26, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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**JUDGE'S OR JUSTICE'S SIGNIFICANT INTEREST IN A  
BUSINESS ENTITY THAT OWNS, MANAGES, OR OPERATES A  
PRIVATE CORRECTIONAL OR REHABILITATION FACILITY**

**CHAPTER 678**

H.B. No. 257

**AN ACT**

**relating to a judge's or justice's significant interest in a business entity that owns, manages, or operates a private correctional or rehabilitation facility.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 21.010(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A justice or judge is considered to have a significant interest in a business entity described by Subsection (a) for purposes of this section if:

(1) the justice or judge owns any voting stock or share or has a direct investment in the business entity [~~that represents the lesser of at least 10 percent or \$15,000 of the fair market value of the business entity~~]; or

(2) the justice or judge receives money from the business entity.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2017.

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**LIABILITY OF AN OWNER, LESSEE, OR OCCUPANT OF  
LAND THAT ALLOWS LAND TO BE USED AS A COMMUNITY  
GARDEN**

**CHAPTER 679**

H.B. No. 262

**AN ACT**

**relating to liability of an owner, lessee, or occupant of land that allows land to be used as a community garden.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 75, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Section 75.0025 to read as follows:

*Sec. 75.0025. LIMITED LIABILITY OF PERSONS ALLOWING CERTAIN USES OF LAND. (a) In this section, "community garden" means the premises used for*